

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing, and conserving our vital mineral, energy, and water resources; and

**WHEREAS,** the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, land slides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sinkholes, and coastal erosion; and

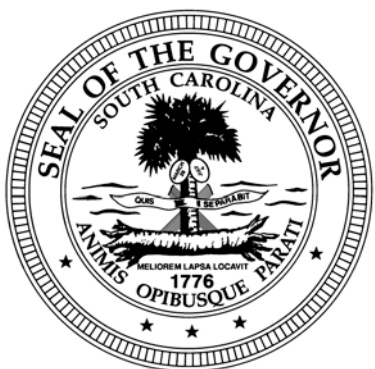
**WHEREAS,** the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS,** Earth Science Week calls attention to the ways the earth sciences enrich our appreciation and understanding of the natural features of the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 10 - 16, 2004, as

### EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of the earth sciences to understanding our natural world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**